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REF: 19-HQ-F-00536

Dear Ms. Best,

Thank you for your interest in NASA. This is the final response to your FOIA request received by the NASA HQ FOIA Office on May 17, 2019, and assigned FOIA Case Number 19- HQ-F-00536, which seeks:

Records relating to or mentioning the hacker group known as The Realm, which targeted American agencies in the 1980s and 1990s.

In response to your request, a search of NASA's Agency Operations Office (AO), the History Office, the Office of the Chief Information Officer, and Protective Services/Classification Guidance Office (OPS) was conducted using the information you provided above.

Specifically, we searched for any database these offices may have maintained that captures such information. The search did not locate any records related to the hacker group known as The Realm.

**Appeal Rights**

You have the right to appeal my action on your FOIA request. Your appeal must be received within 90 calendar days of the date of this letter. Your appeal must be in writing and addressed to:

Administrator  
ATTN: FOIA Appeals  
NASA Headquarters  
Executive Secretariat  
MS 9R17  
Washington, DC 20546

Both the envelope and letter of appeal should be clearly marked "Appeal under the Freedom of Information Act." You must also include copies of your initial request, this correspondence, and any other correspondence with the FOIA office. In order to expedite the appellate process and ensure full consideration of your appeal, your appeal should also

contain a brief statement of the reasons you believe this initial determination should be reversed.

### **Assistance and Dispute Resolution Services**

For further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request, you may contact NASA's Chief FOIA Public Liaison, Stephanie Fox, via telephone at 202-358-1553 or via e-mail at [Stephanie.L.Fox@NASA.gov](mailto:Stephanie.L.Fox@NASA.gov). You may also send correspondence to Ms. Fox at the following address:

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)  
Freedom of Information Act Unit  
NASA Headquarters  
Attn: Stephanie Fox  
Chief FOIA Public Liaison 300 E Street, S.W., 5P32  
Washington D.C. 20546  
(Fax) 202- 358-4332

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services it offers. The contact information for OGIS is as follows:

Office of Government Information Services  
National Archives and Records Administration  
8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS  
College Park, Maryland 20740-6001  
Email: [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov)  
Telephone: (202) 741-5770  
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**Important:** Please note that contacting any agency official including the undersigned, NASA's Chief FOIA Public Liaison, and/or OGIS is not an alternative to filing an administrative appeal and does not stop the 90 day appeal clock.

If applicable, further issues concerning processing of your request will be addressed in a separate letter. If I can be of further assistance, please contact me at 202-358-0680 or [HQ-FOIA@nasa.gov](mailto:HQ-FOIA@nasa.gov).

Sincerely,



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FOIA Public Liaison Officer